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Novel Materials

AMENDMENT D AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment D is submitted as a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and in response to the Office action dated January 2, 2001 together with a request for a two-month extension of time to extend the time for response to on or before June 2, 2001. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following replacement claims 42, 68, 70, 72 and 74 for the previously-pending versions of such claims. Also, please add new claims 81-95 as follows. A marked-up version of the replacement claims (showing changes from the previously-pending version thereof), and an indication of the new claims is provided in Appendix A.